AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A recording medium playback method for a recording medium playback system in which a first recording medium having reproduction information recorded thereon and a second recording medium on which reproduction information and playback control information for controlling a playback order of that reproduction information are recorded are both installable and which plays back said first and second recording media, said method comprising the steps of:

generating a custom file having said first recording medium alone registered therein; and

playing back said first ~~and second~~ recording medium ~~media~~ installed in said recording medium playback system in accordance with registered contents of said custom file.

2. (Original) The recording medium playback method according to claim 1, wherein said recording medium playback system determines a type of a recording medium to be stored in said recording medium playback system and generates a management table including type information of said recording medium; and

upon reception of an instruction of registering said recording medium as said custom file, said type of said recording medium is determined by referring to said management table and said recording medium is registered in said custom file to be assigned in association with said type.

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3.　(Original) The recording medium playback method according to claim 2, wherein when a recording medium registering instruction is issued during playback of said recording medium, said type of said recording medium which is being played back is determined by referring to said management table and said recording medium is registered in said custom file to be assigned in association with said type.

4.　(Original) The recording medium playback method according to claim 2, wherein a selection menu for custom files where registration is to be made is displayed to prompt a user to select one of said custom files, a list of those of recording media stored in said recording medium playback system which are registrable is displayed by referring to said management table, and when a recording medium to be registered is selected from said list, said selected recording medium is registered in said selected custom file.

5.　(Original) The recording medium playback method according to claim 2, further comprising the steps of:

receiving an instruction of designating said custom file and said recording medium to be registered in said custom file;

receiving an input of data about said custom file and said recording medium;

checking if said designated recording medium matches with classification of said designated custom file by referring to said management table; and

registering said designated recording medium in said designated custom file when there is a match.

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6. (Currently Amended) A recording medium playback apparatus for a recording medium playback system in which a first recording medium having reproduction information recorded thereon and a second recording medium on which reproduction information and playback control information for controlling a playback order of that reproduction information are recorded are both installable and which plays back said first and second recording media, said apparatus comprising:

control means for generating a custom file having said first recording medium alone registered therein; and

playback means for playing back said first ~~and second~~ recording medium ~~media~~ installed in said recording medium playback system in accordance with registered contents of said custom file.

7. (Original) The recording medium playback apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said control means includes:

management-table generating means for determining a type of a recording medium to be stored in said recording medium playback system and generating a management table including type information of said recording medium; and

custom-file generating means for determining said type of said recording medium by referring to said management table upon reception of an instruction of registering said recording medium as said custom file, and registering said recording medium in said custom file to be assigned in association with said type.

8. (Original) The recording medium playback apparatus according to claim 7, wherein when a recording medium registering instruction is issued during playback of said recording medium, said custom-file generating means determines said type of said recording medium which is being played back by referring to said management table and registers said recording medium in said custom file to be assigned in association with said type.

9. (Original) The recording medium playback apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising:

menu display means for displaying a selection menu for custom files where registration is to be made to thereby prompt a user to select one of said custom files; and

list display means for displaying a list of those of recording media stored in said recording medium playback system which are registrable by referring to said management table,

whereby when a recording medium to be registered is selected from said list, said custom-file generating means registers said selected recording medium in said selected custom file.

10. (Original) The recording medium playback apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising:

instruction receiving means for receiving an instruction of designating said custom file and said recording medium to be registered in said custom file;

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input receiving means for receiving an input of data about said custom file and said recording medium; and

means for checking if said designated recording medium matches with classification of said designated custom file by referring to said management table,

whereby said custom-file generating means registers said designated recording medium in said designated custom file when there is a match.